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LOK SABHA

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CONFERENCE ON JUTE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference was held at Kolkata to discuss Comprehensive Jute Policy;

(b) if so, the main issue discussed along with action taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a Rupees 550 crore Jute Technology Mission;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the other steps taken for modernizing the jute industry;

(e) whether Government proposes to start a Technology Mission under the New Jute Policy to revive the jute industry; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?..

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES(SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A conference was held on 19th & 20th November 2004 at Kolkata to obtain the views of stakeholders before formulating a comprehensive Jute Policy. The issues, which were discussed in the Conference pertains to :

1. Jute Agriculture & Raw jute marketing;

2. Labour issues;

3. Manufacturing and Productivity;

4. Research & Development;

5. Diversification of Production;
6. Marketing and International Trade; and

7 The Institutional structure and systems for strengthening the delivery mechanism.

Due note has been taken of the recommendations.

(c) to (f): The Government of India is making concerted efforts to modernize the jute industry. Schemes like the Technology Up-gradation Fund Scheme; the JMDC Incentive Scheme for Modernisation of Jute Industry; and the Jute Entrepreneurs Assistance (Capital Subsidy) Scheme provide assistance for modernization of the jute industry. In addition, the Government has taken initiative to launch a Jute Technology Mission (JTM). Mini Mission IV of the Jute Technology Mission pertains to modernisation of Indian Jute Industry. The details of the Jute Technology Mission and the financial outlays are yet to be firmed up.